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The Honorable Gene Green  
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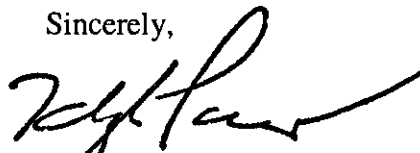
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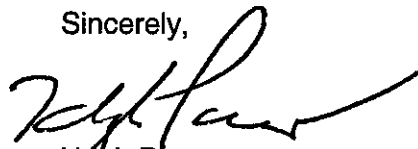
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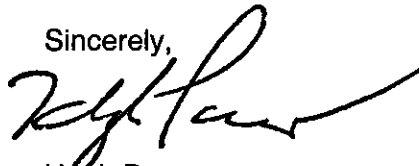
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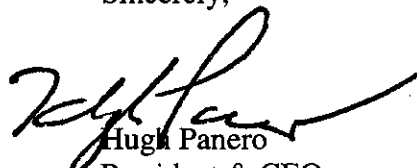
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Representative Hilda L. Solis  
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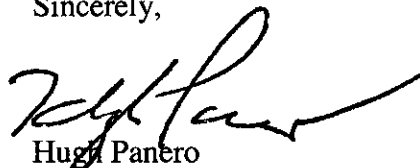
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2184 Rayburn House Office Building  
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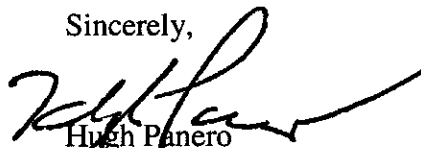
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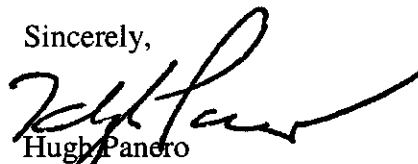
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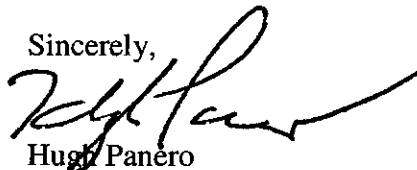
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